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President's Letter
by Howard, AB9FH

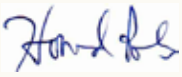
Field Day! I think I get more excited about the last full weekend in June than my son does about Christmas. I hope everybody is able to join us. Remember, the first part of the event is our annual Club Picnic. Well, the picnic comes after the work of setting up, but with many people helping that won't be too big a burden. Come out to Pioneer Village! We'll be experimenting with computer logging, which I believe might be a first for us.

We made more than $200 from our club auction in May. Thanks to all who came out and bid on the various items. Thanks to those who so generously donated stuff.

Our 90th Anniversary event is scheduled for August 4-5th. We'll be doing just about the same as we did for our 85th anniversary. We'll have a sign up sheet at the June club meeting. I'd like to have as many bands covered as possible for the whole weekend. Details will soon be available on the website, so start to talk this up. We will do a special QSL card this time, instead of a certificate. Have any ideas about card designs or know a printer who gives good value? Your suggestions are eagerly solicited.

Welcome "aboard" to Brian, KC9HEK, and Al, KC9IJJ, our new board members! And a warm thank you to Dick, W9JBE, for all his help on the board. It was great to have an actual election; it wasn't that long ago we couldn't get enough nominees. I know serving as an officer or board member is work for little reward, but you can't have a club without them! Even if you have "served your time" in the past, consider helping us out again. All four officers (and the other two board positions) will be up for election next time around.

See you at Pioneer Village!



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Nets Heard in the Milwaukee Area

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY
Daily	6:00-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)
Daily	5:15-6:00 AM	3.9850	Wisconsin SSB net
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net
Mon.	8:45 PM	147.1650	ARRL voice news (ARES)
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Wed.	8:00 PM	28.365	MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net
Wed.	8:00 PM	145.130-	ARRL voice news
Wed.	9:00 PM	145.130-	MAARS Swapnet
Wed.	8:00 PM	147.270+	Weather & Swap Net
Thu.	9:00 PM	50.160	6 m. SSB Net
Thu.	9:00 PM	146.910-	Computer Net
Fri	**8:00 PM**	**28.490**	**MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)**
Fri.	**9:00 PM**	**145.390-**	**W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net**
Sat	9:00 PM	146.910-	Saturday Night Fun Net
Sun.	8:30 AM	3.985	QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Sun.	9:00 AM	145.565	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Sun.	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo Swapnet
Sun.	8:00 PM	28.365	MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net
Sun.	8:00 PM	146.910-	Information Net
Sun.	9:00 PM	146.910-	Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz - - 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 meters and above are USB

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HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are $17.^{00}$ per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when Christmas dinner takes the place of a regular meeting.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Credits

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

AB9FH KA9OFA KF9PU
W9JBE WB9PSE KB9ZNC
WB9PTC

Our thanks also goes to:

Rita Doneis, Hal Newton, and Tom Fuszard, for proofreading the 'Chatter this month.

Thanks also to Dick Wood for mailing the hard copy of the 'Chatter and to Joe Schwarz, who Emails the 'Chatter.

Brian White, who administers our Web Site.

Mark Tellier, Tom Fuszard, and Tom Czaja who manage our VEC.

Thank YOU!

Upcoming Programs

Our June meeting will be a Field Day overview which is Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd & 24th, this year, which puts it the week before our June meeting.

Our July 26 meeting will feeture Tom Liebe, WI9TOM, talking about PSK 31.

General Membership Meeting 4/26/07

By Sarah Parks, KB9ZNC

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

The microphone was passed for all to I.D.

The minutes were read.

Brian, K9LCQ, noted that the Greater Midwest Relay is on June 8th and 9th, not May 18th and 19th. Pancho, KA9OFA, made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Brian, K9LCQ, seconded the motion.

Howard, AB9FH, gave a summation of treasury issues and a brief explanation of the current situation.

Pancho had a short report on preparations for Field Day and added that there will be some computer logging. He requested loan of laptops with Windows 95 or later version.

It was noted that Jack Krause, W9JK, passed away very recently and he will be missed. Information was to be included in the next day's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and a sympathy card for the family was available. to sign.

Joe, N9UX, announced that the Miller Ride for the Arts would be using our repeater as a secondary emergency frequency on June 3rd.

Brian, K9LCQ, noted that Peter, KC9IJH, and Dick, WB9PTC, will be halting code practice and impedance classes for the summer. Anyone willing to "take over" with another topic is welcome to do so.

As May is our election month, Howard, AB9FH, opened the floor for nominations. Pancho, KA9OFA, nominated Dick, W9JBE. Dick nominated Pancho. Joe, N9UX, nominated Al, KC9IJJ, and Howard nominated Brian KC9HEK While votes were tallied, Tom KF9PU, and Mark, AB9CD, gave brief updates on FCC things, and testing.

There was a short talk about Field Day computer logging, and classes. Pancho, KA9OFA, Al, KC9IJJ, and Brian, KC9HEK, were elected to the board of directors; Howard, AB9FH, thanked Dick, W9JBE, for his service on the Board of Directors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom, WI9TOM, and was seconded by several people.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah, WB9ANC

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OTA CW class

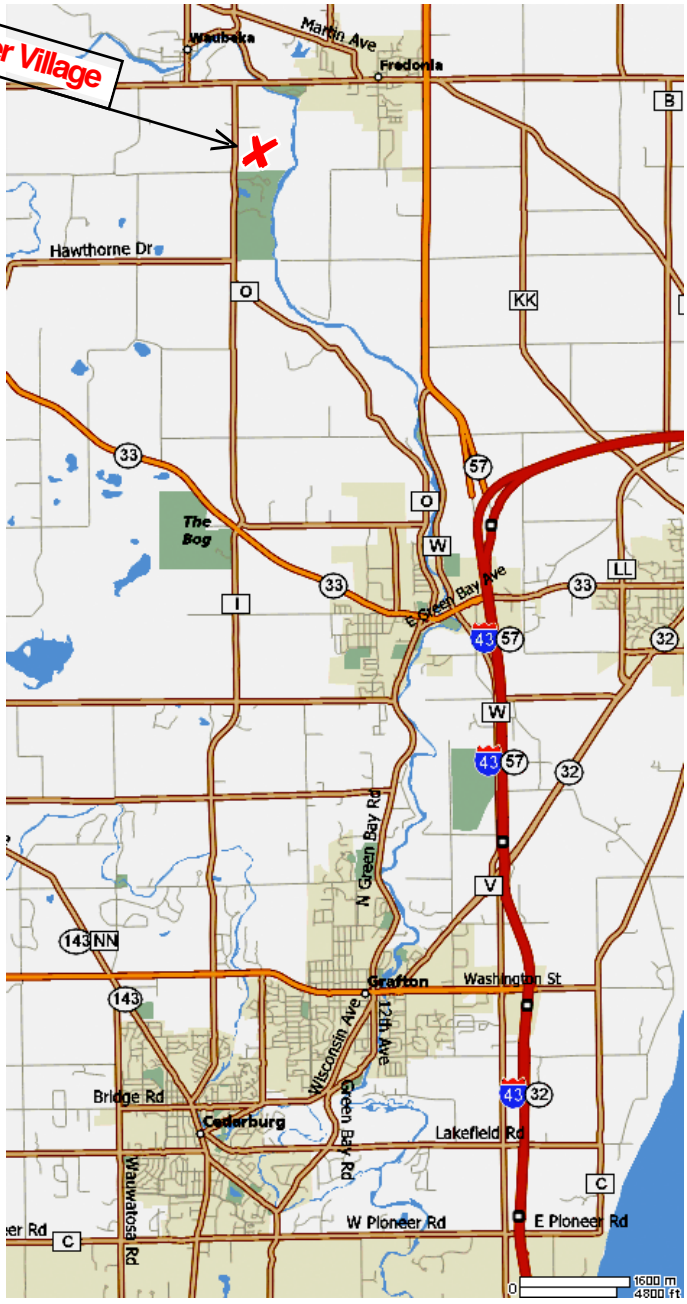
OTA (*Over The Air*) CW Practice, theory, and Operating Practices on our W9RH repeater have been suspended for the summer.

If anyone wants to carry on with the HAM practices, theory and/or cw practice, feel free to do so.

CQ QRZ 40 over S9

Field Day?

By Pancho Doneis, KA9OFA



Map to Pioneer Village - ten miles north of Cedarburg on Hwy I

What is Field Day?

Well, it's an activity or event whereby an individual or group of people set up radio stations under more or less emergency situations, then get on the air with this equipment and see how many contacts they can make. Those Field Day sites could be a public park the shore of a lake, stream or just about any type of other location. Some use emergency power (gasoline, solar, steam or other) and other rigged antennas (various combinations of concocted systems). It's basically a test to check how easily a person or group can put a station together and get on the air.

Our Field Day site is at **Pioneer Village**, which is about **ten miles north of Cedarburg on Highway "I"**, just north of Hawthorne Hills Country Club. We have the use of the Cedarburg train depot, which was moved to the site a number of years ago under the guidance of Fred Linn, W9NZF. (The depot even has a set of tracks running in front with a caboose on it). The last time I was there the telegraph system still worked. We couldn't ask for a nicer F.D. site. If the weather gets stormy we can pull our equipment into the baggage area out of the elements and operate providing there is no lightning activity. We can also operate from in the depot at the telegrapher's desk or waiting room or even under the depot canopy. We do have our own club equipment or you can bring your own to connect with some of our antennas.

We may use various modes of communication including SSB, CW, Amateur TV, slow scan TV, radio teletype, and PSK 31, among others. We might even use an amateur satellite to communicate. There are so many ways to communicate if you are a HAM and any of them may be used at a field day site.

We usually also have a GOTA (Get On The Air) station with which an unlicensed operator may, with guidance from a licensed operator, get on the air and make contacts.

Join in the Field Day fun on **Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday June 24th**. Some of us start arriving at the Field Day site around 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and start setting up. Then we have some lunch (provided by the MRAC). Then at around 1:00 p.m., we start operating. There are usually people operating around the clock. The operation comes to a halt around noon on Sunday and we tear down the operation and pack up to go home.

You can come for an hour or two or come for the whole time. Bring your sleeping bag, sleep on a depot bench or bring a tent or camper and your mosquito repellent (though in the past the mosquitoes haven't been bad), sunscreen or what have you. The club provides food and liquid refreshments. Bring your family and friends It's also our annual club picnic. It's a great time to get together and have fun, of amateur radio camaraderie, cooperation, learning, and fresh air.

So, Y'all come on out!!!

Dayton 2007 Report

By Dick Wood, W9JBE

We (Glenn Schulze, W9IQ; Lou Schulze, N9LOU; Tom Macon, K9BTQ; Dick, W9JBE) left about 5:00 a.m. to beat the Chicago traffic, on Thursday the day before Dayton Hamvention starts. 2 meters was hot just about the whole way there. We were also invited to use several repeaters, but most of the time we were simplex.

New this year was contesters college at the Crowne Plaza, all day Thursday, and there was a charge of $60. “Experts” would give instruction and answer questions. After supper that night, we went back for conversations with an international crowd. At our table was a ham from Belgium and one from Egypt. This lasted until the “wee “ hours.

Friday morning we caught a bus to Hara Arena for our first Forum on software defined radio (TAPR DIGITAL) and went back on Saturday for a forum on the same topic. Some think this is the future of ham radio. A computer turned into a high end transceiver at a fraction of the cost. To upgrade, all you need is software from the internet. All the next amateur satellites will be software defined radios. I heard an interesting idea that if Icom, Yaesu and Kenwood do not follow this idea, in a few years they may go out of the ham radio market. Imagine radios with no dials or buttons.

I only spent a couple of hours in the world’s greatest flee market. Most of us felt attendance was down this year, though it is still much bigger than any one I’ve ever seen. If you can’t find what you want there, it probably doesn’t exist.

All the radio dealers had discounts of up to 10 % and some had no shipping charges or taxes. If you’re thinking about buying a new radio, hold off until after Dayton. If you pay in cash, you get a 5 % discount.

The following organizations had dinner at various locations: QCWA, DX Associations, QRP, SSTV, Red Cross, TAPR/AMSAT and VHF Weak Signal Group.

On Friday other forums included: Red Cross, AMSAT, Antennas, Radio Clubs, Radio Instructors, County Hunters, AM, Lightning Protection, Space Station, National Traffic System, Radio Law and Gordon West.

On Saturday forums included: Media, Youth, ARRL, VHF/UHF/Microwave, ARES, FCC, ATV, SSTV, SATERN, Drake, APRS, Fox Hunting, Collins Radio and MARS.

On Sunday forums included; RTTY, D-STAR, ARRL Awards Program, Boy Scouts, Bicycle Mobile and Battleship New Jersey.

You can learn and have fun at the same time. I highly recommend this hamfest.

Jack Krause, W9JK - SK

By Howard Parks

On May 31, 2007, at age 93. Jack was reunited with Beatrice, his wife of 62 years. Loving father of Jerome (Sora Davis) and Susan (William) Meggs. Proud grandfather of Jerome (Chelsea Maruskin) Martin and Josephine (Marcus) Semel. Brother of Neal (Myrt) Krause. Further survived by other family and friends. Jack was a Ham Radio Operator for over 75 years and the last Charter Member of the Golden Kiwanis of Elm Grove. He remained a contributing member of society to the end of his life. Jack served 12 years as the first head of the MRAC VEC. He was a member of the Board of Directors many years as well.

Jack Krause, W9JK at Field Day 1999

Field Day Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24 at Pioneer Village!!!

EVERYBODY'S OR NOBODY's HAM CLUB?

Once upon a time the Club consisted of four members

.....Everybody, Somebody, Nobody, and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So.....Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.....

John, WB9PSE

EVENTS

Field Day
Sat. & Sun. - June 23 & 24, 2007
See details elsewhere in this issue.

MRAC General Meeting
Thu., - June 28, 2007
7:00 p.m.
This is after field Day!

SMARC SwapFest 07
Sat. - July 7, 2007
American Legion Park
Oak Creek, WI
T/I on 146.52 simp

Aurora HamFest
Sun. - July 15, 2007
Aurora Central High School
Aurora, IL

Tentative date
Special MRAC Anniversary Event
Sat.-August 4, 2007

Circus City SwapFest *
Sat. - Aug 11, 2007
Sauk Cty Fairgrounds
Baraboo, WI
T/I on147.315 + rptr

Sat.- August 11, 2007
Western Illinois ARC
Eagle's Alps
Quincy IL

Radio Expo 2007 *

* indicates VE testing is available.

VE NEWS
BY TOM, KF9PU

We had another busy session on May 26. Of the thirty candidates who visited us, 25 left with new or upgraded licenses. Two went from nothing to General at this session.

VEs who assisted us were:

Mark Tellier ---------- AB9CD
Naomi Potash -------- KC9GSS
Wes Andersen ---------- N9YE
Mark Bye ---------- KB9LDX
Ted Stiller ---------- WA9RDI
Larry Noldan ---------- NZ9I
Hal Newton --------- KB9OZN
Nels Harvey ---------- WA9JOB
Ken Hahn ---------- WK9H

Our **next session** will be held on **July 28 at AES.**

VEC financial report for May.

Beginning balance: $4,435.75
Income: $145.00
Expenses: $0
Ending balance: $4,580.75

REMINDERS

Please check into our nets on Friday evenings.

Our **ten meter SSB** net is at **8:00 p.m.** at **28.490 MHz ± 5 KHz USB.**

Our **two meter FM** net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz**, minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at **Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr**. We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m. The food and the company are good and you don't have to be a member of the club to join us.

CQ Third Tuesday
Come to CQ Third Tuesday at:
Old Country Buffet
16750 West Bluemound Rd.
Brookfield,WI
This gathering of HAMs meets on the third Tuesday of every month.
We start arriving there at 11:00 a.m. and leave when we're full and/or all talked out.

EXAM SCHEDULE
BY TOM FUSZARD, KF9PU

MRAC VEC
Exam Schedule
For remainder of 2007

No VE Exams in June or August.

Sat., July 28 9:30 a.m. @AES
Sat., Sep. 29 9:30 a.m. @AES
Sat., Oct. 27 9:30 a.m. @AES
Sat., Nov. 24 9:30 a.m. @AES

For details, check out:
www.w9rh.org/testing.htm/

AES = Amateur Electronic Supply
5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Here is a scheduled of the VE Test Sessions in Janesville, Wisconsin for 2007:
July 21, 2007
October 20, 2007
The time and location is listed on the ARRL Listed Test Sessions or on my **N9FRY** call page under QRZ.COM.

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The **next meeting** of **MRAC**
will be **Thursday, June 28, 2007**
at 7:00 p.m.
Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
(Use the south entrance)
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please, DON'T call the church.

Our Repeater,
Talk it up.
145.390– MHz
(127.3 Hz PL)

Our program for the June 28th general meeting will feature:

Overview of Field Day, which is June 23 and 24, a few days before this meeting.

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